

Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Administration Committee

Final Meeting Summary January 14, 1999

Approved February 12, 1999

Present: Doug Hurley, Chair, Peter Bennett, Vice Chair, Greg Devereux, Representative Ruth Fisher, Connie Niva, Patricia Notter, Judie Stanton

Absent: Bob Dilger, Tomio Moriguchi, Senator Dino Rossi, Ken Smith

Others in Attendance: Pierce Scranton (Senator Rossi's office), Jim Warjone (Port Blakely), Jude Willcher (Thurston Regional Planning Commission), Gretchen White (WSDOT)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and reviewed the summary of the December 14th meeting. The Committee approved the summary as drafted.

Meeting Schedule for 1999

The Committee selected the third Friday of each month as its regular meeting time in 1999, with the exception of February and the months in which the full Commission meets.

Accordingly, the Administration Committee meeting schedule for 1999 is as follows: February 12, March 19, April 16, May 12 (full Commission), June 18, July 16, August 20, September (two-day retreat for the full Commission, dates TBD), October 14 (full Commission), November 19, and December 17. The Committee meetings will take place in the morning.

1999 Work Plan Development

The Chair reviewed the Revised Topic List and draft Work Plan with the Committee members. The Committee members discussed the four issue areas identified in the work plan, and the Committee approved the work plan by consensus.

Permit Reform

Jim Warjone, CEO of Port Blakely, a timber and real estate development company, made a presentation to the Committee regarding problems with the current permitting process and potential reforms that could improve the system. He provided examples from his work on the Interstate-90 Sunset Interchange and South Sammamish Plateau Access Road project.

Reviewing the status of Washington State's regulatory reform efforts regarding the permit process was suggested as the topic of a policy memo for the Committee.

Recap of Committee Presentation to the Full Commission

The Chair reviewed the slides explaining the Committee's Work Plan that he planned to present in the afternoon meeting of the full Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.